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Dear Sir,

Yours of Jan 15<sup>th</sup> has just come to hand. On account of absence from town I have not been able to attend to the business of the last meeting before. There was a resolution passed, ~~that~~ at the last evening, which was taken by Brother Remond through mistake, ~~at least~~ as he took the paper on which it was written to write the heads of his remarks upon, and whence the meeting was through he put it in his pocket, and he went so early the next morning that I did not see him. Mr Collins and Remond and Douglass occupied the evening you left, in general remarks, ~~up~~ The meeting was then adjourned until 10 o'clock Thursday Morn, The time was spent in conversation, there being but few present, voted to adjourn to 2 o'clock P.M. Afternoon Session, Vice President in the chair, Prayer was offered by Brother Palmer, Leavetown being absent, on motion of B.P. Price, voted that G Evans act as Secy Protem. The resolution that were on the table, were taken up and ably discussed by Messrs Douglass, Remond, Collins, Palmer, and Tanner of Block Island, voted that the resolutions lie on the table, voted to adjourn t. 6 o'clock P.M. Evening Session, came together according to adjournment, Meeting called to order by the Vice President. Prayer was offered by Brother Tanner of Block Island. Brother Tanner

Then took up the resolutions upon the table and made  
some very eloquent remarks in reference to them.

~~It~~ was Abby Hedley then off the following resolutions  
and advocated (in her extraordinary manner) its adoption,  
"Whereas; the professions of the popular Bible, tract and  
missionary Societies of our Country of a desire to promote  
the cause of righteousness and Christianity, is false and  
~~hypocritical~~, inasmuch as they consent to hold millions  
of their own Countrymen in "a heathen condition and  
in many respects a worse condition" Therefore, Resolved  
"That it is our duty thenceforth to withhold all support  
from these societies, and bestow it in promoting Christian-  
ity - Collins and Remond followed in remarks upon the  
same resolution. Brother Remond in speaking upon that  
resolution was remarkably Eloquent. The Hall was crowded,  
and his remarks were very effectual. The other resolutions  
that were passed, I will here copy. Resolved that this  
Society most deeply sympathize with those three young men  
now imprisoned in Palmyra as criminals, and are by the  
authorities of Missouri to be incarcerated for twelve  
years, for no other offence than against the laws of that  
state, than urging slaves to take their liberty, an offence  
not pronounced a crime by the laws of that state.  
Resolved, That this Society heartily concurs in with  
the suggestion which has been made to call a convention by  
which effectual plans may be matured to gain for  
these young men their freedom -.  
Resolved, That it is as impossible for a Christian  
to be a slaveholder, or to countenance slavery, as to

be a worshipper of ~~Gaggenau~~ Gaggenau.

Resolved - "That the Sectarian organizations of this Country called Churches, are in supporting slavery upholding and sustaining a system of theft, robbery, adultery and murder. This resolution was presented by Fred Douglass in the afternoon, and was adopted with the following amendment, And that it is the duty of Abolitionists to expose their true character before the people ..

Resolved, That we are filled with emotions of pleasure and rejoicing in view of the fact that the kidnapped Virginians from on board the Slave Creole, have found refuge from American despotism, in the island of New Providence.

Resolved. That we regard their strike for Liberty on board the Creole as fraught with instruction and warning to our Country, and we would call upon our citizens, individually, and collectively to do all in their power to avert the inevitable doom which awaits every impudent slaveholding Nation -

Resolved - That the United States of America, boasting as it does of its democracy, and scoffing at the European nations for their aristocracy, has become a byword and reproach to those same nations for nourishing the basest of all aristocracies, the aristocracy of complexion, which is not known in any other nation of the ~~whole~~ earth.

My name is at your disposal to use as you may see fit. It was voted to publish them in the Liberator and Spy  
Yours in haste Zeph Evans - -

Boston

Paid ~~A.D.~~

Rev Samuel May

Leicester  
Mass



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